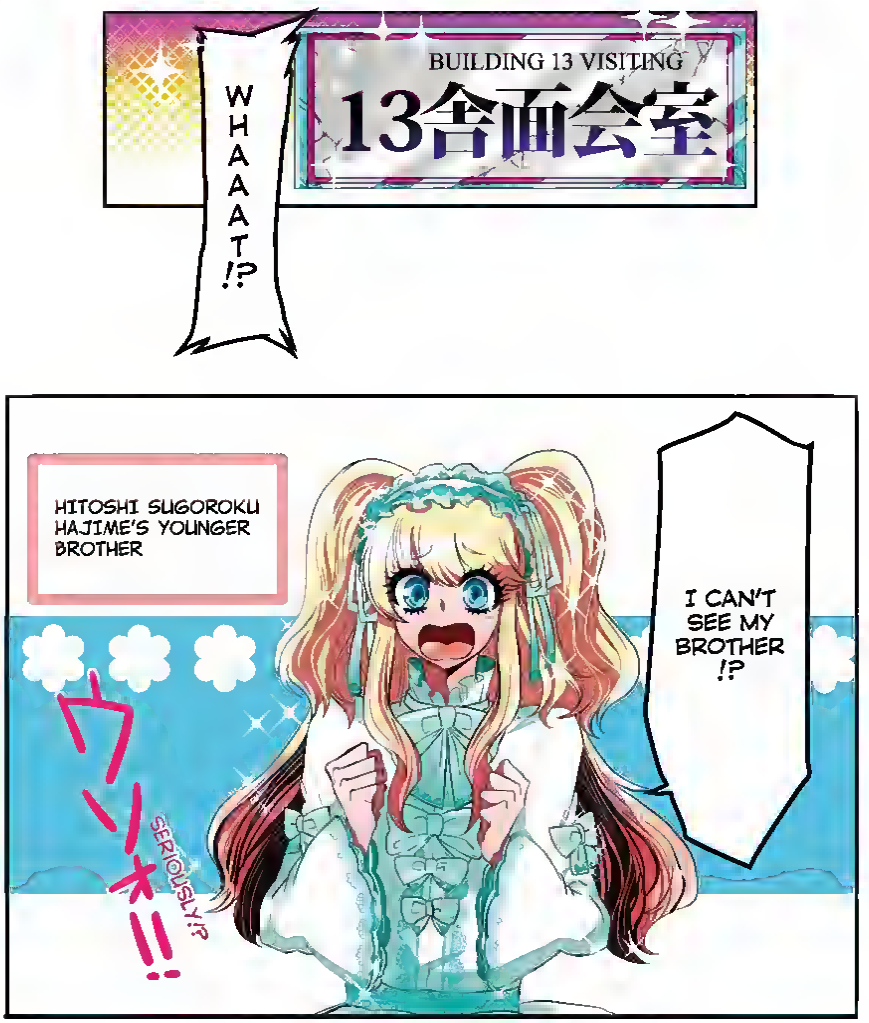
CHAPTER 12: REASON FOR INCARCERATION REVEALED (PART 2)



I'M AFRAID NOT... OFFICER SUGOROKU IS CURRENTLY PRESENTING HIS REPORT TO THE WARDEN.
I DON'T THINK HE'LL MAKE IT BACK WITHIN VISITING HOURS.
WHAA! P NO 15-KUN, YOU ES-CAPED AGAIN! P
CLICK
OH, IT'S YOU, HITO. WHAT'S UPP
AH! NO 15-KUN! HELLO!
I'M SORRY
HE'S BEEN VERY BUSY.
SWAPP
HE DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT THAT YES-TERDAY!
OH! WAIT, SEITAROU-SAN!
LET'S GET BACK.
FRET
GIVE ME A BREAK, WILL YOU!? I'M THE ONE WHO'S REALLY GONNA GET IN TROUBLE!

SINCE I'M ALREADY HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO NO.15-KUN, PLEASE.
YOU KNOW, ABOUT MY BROTH-ER'S WORK AND STUFF.
IF IT'S A VISIT, HE CAN STAY, RIGHT?
PLEASE?

I... I GUESS IF IT'S A VISIT...
IT'S ALL RIGHT ...
BUT PLEASE FILL OUT THE VISITATION FORM AFTER-WARD.
OKAAAY.

YOU'RE PRETTY INCREDI-BLE, NO.15-KUN.

HOW DO YOU ESCAPE FROM YOUR ROOM ALL THE TIME?
IS THERE'S A TRICK OF SOME SORT?
NAAH,
I CAN JUST GET OUT WHENEVER I WANT.
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REALLY ?
IT SOUNDS LIKE MAGIC.
WOOOW
IT'S NOT ANYTHING AS FAIRY-TALE AS THAT.
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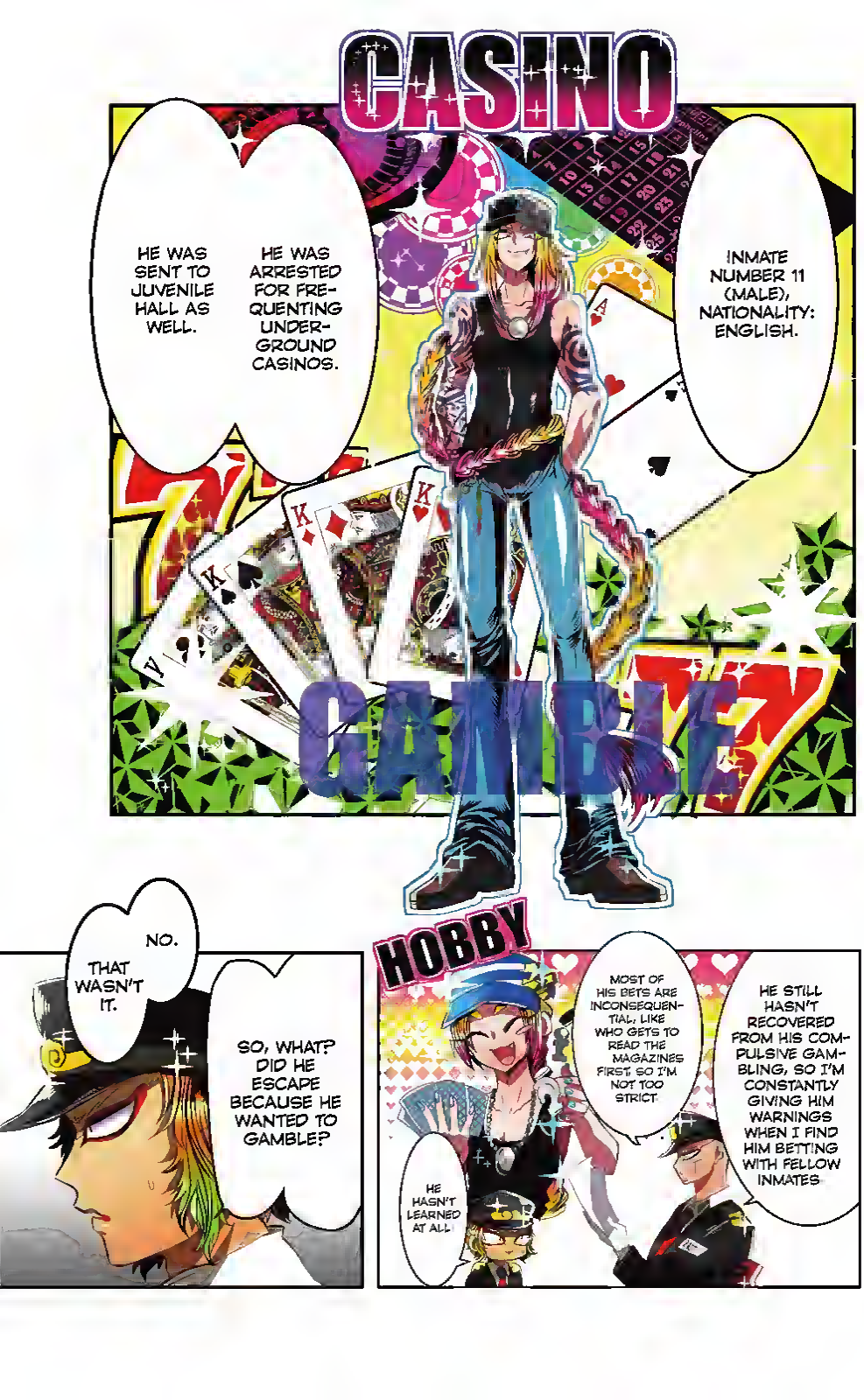
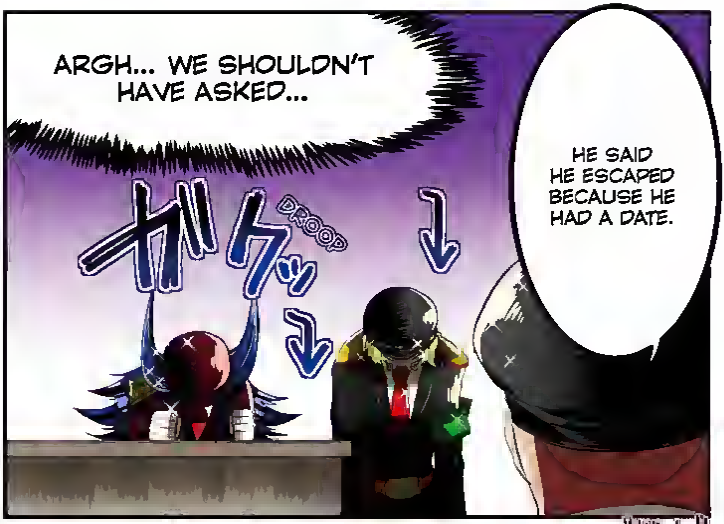
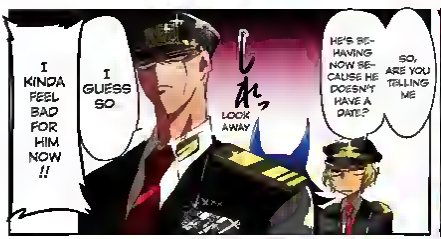
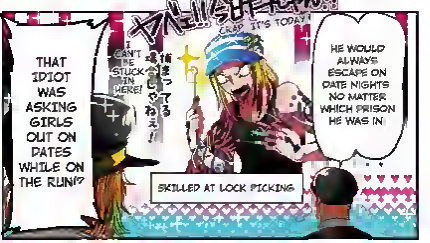
MOVING ON.


CASINO
INMATE NUMBER 11 (MALE), NATIONALITY: ENGLISH.
HE WAS ARRESTED FOR FREQUENTING UNDERGROUND CASINOS.
HE WAS SENT TO JUVENILE HALL AS WELL.
GAMBLE
HOBBY
HE STILL HASN'T RECOVERED FROM HIS COMPULSIVE GAMBLING, SO I'M CONSTANTLY GIVING HIM WARNINGS WHEN I FIND HIM BETTING WITH FELLOW INMATES.
MOST OF HIS BETS ARE INCONSEQUENTIAL, LIKE WHO GETS TO READ THE MAGAZINES FIRST, SO I'M NOT TOO STRICT.
HE HASN'T LEARNED AT ALL.
SO, WHAT? DID HE ESCAPE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO GAMBLE?
NO. THAT WASN'T IT.


ARGH... WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED...
DROOP
HE SAID HE ESCAPED BECAUSE HE HAD A DATE.


I KINDA FEEL BAD FOR HIM NOW !!
I GUESS SO
LOOK AWAY
HE'S BEHAVING NOW BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE A DATE?
SO, ARE YOU TELLING ME


THAT IDIOT WAS ASKING GIRLS OUT ON DATES WHILE ON THE RUN!?
I CAN'T BE STUCK IN HERE!
CRAP IT'S TODAY!
HE WOULD ALWAYS ESCAPE ON DATE NIGHTS NO MATTER WHICH PRISON HE WAS IN.
SKILLED AT LOCK PICKING

IT SEEMS I HAVE OVER-ESTIMATED THEM..
HUHH...
HE NEVER LEARNS, DOES HE!?
I THINK HE SAID HE FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WITH THE RECEPTIONIST HERE.

AND LAST.

PRISON-BREAKER
HE WAS ARRESTED ON LARCENY CHARGES AND SENT TO JUVENILE HALL. BUT HE ESCAPED THE SAME DAY.
INMATE NUMBER 1S (MALE). NATIONALITY: JAPANESE.
ESCAPE
HE USES VARIOUS ESCAPE TECHNIQUES AND OUT OF THE FOUR, HE HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF PRISON THE MOST
HE IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF CRIMINAL WHO SHOULD BE IMPRISONED HERE.
JAILBREAK
BUILDING 13
HE IS HIS FATHER'S SON, AFTER ALL.
NO 1S... I KNOW ABOUT HIM.
OR RATHER, ALL PRISON GUARDS KNOW ABOUT HIM.

最凶の天才脱獄囚 No.610の男

NOTORIOUSLY BRILLIANT ESCAPED CONVICT THE MAN KNOWN AS NO.610

GENIUS!
JAILBREAK
NO STATE-OF-THE-ART SECURITY AT ANY PRISON CAN STOP HIM FROM ESCAPING
PEOPLE TALK ABOUT HIM TO THIS DAY THE BIGGEST EMBARRASSMENT OF NANBA PRISON, KNOWN AS "THE ETERNAL FUGITIVE"

YES
I KNEW IMMEDI-ATELY
YOU ALREADY KNEW THOUGH ...
THOUGH THE FACT THAT A CONVICT WE COULD NEVER CATCH HAD A SON AT ALL IS A SURPRISE

THOSE EYES...
WHO COULD FOR-GET...?
AND THEY CONSIDER THIS THE BEST PRISON ...?
RESPONSI-BLE FOR THE BIGGEST OF FAILURES AND YET THEY INSIST WE HAVE A PERFECT RECORD
OUR SUPERIORS ARE KEEPING IT UNDER [illegible] BUT IT'S THE COLD HARD TRUTH...
BUT I WON'T LET THAT STAND
NANBA PRISON'S FAILURE IS MY FAILURE ...!
MY WEAK-NESS IS TO BLAME.
I WILL CORRECT OUR MISTAKE.
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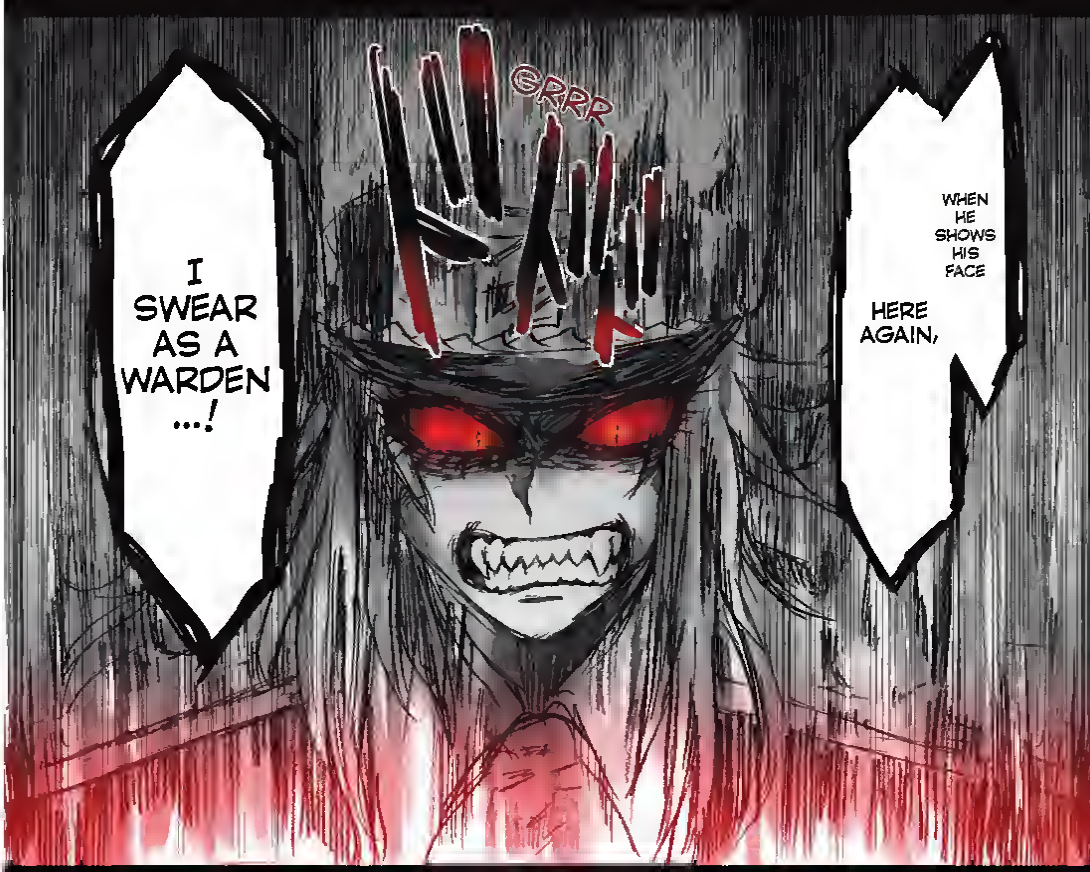
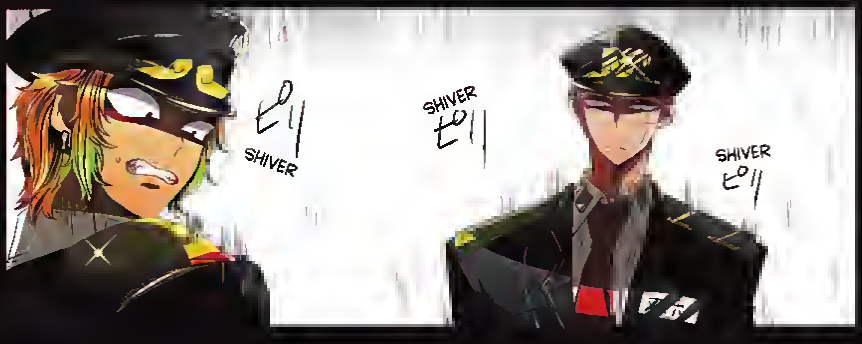


THAT WE WILL HAVE A TRUE,
PERFECT RECORD.

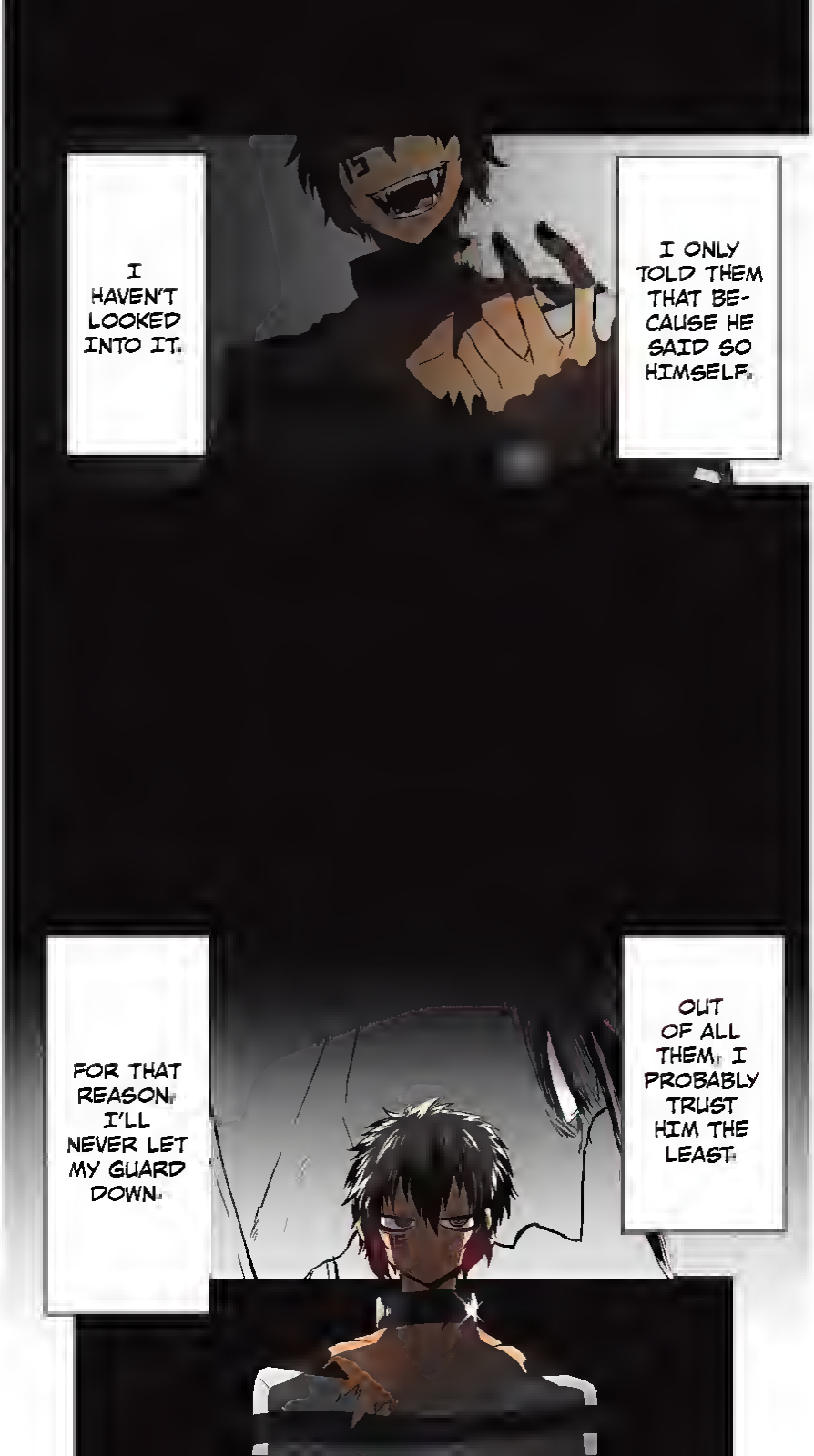


HE SAID IT'S ONLY A HOBBY...
RETURNING TO NO.15, WHAT IS HIS MOTIVE FOR ESCAPING?
I APOLOGIZE... I LET MY PERSONAL FEELINGS GET IN THE WAY...
HOBBY... HUH?

HE'S SAFE, FOR NOW.
I DON'T THINK HE HAS THE DESIRE TO RUN AWAY
FOR THE TIME BEING,

TO BE HONEST, I'M SUSPICIOUS OF HIS BEHAVIOR.

HOBBY. TO ENTERTAIN ONESELF. FOR KILLING TIME.


I HAVEN'T LOOKED INTO IT.
I ONLY TOLD THEM THAT BECAUSE HE SAID SO HIMSELF.
FOR THAT REASON, I'LL NEVER LET MY GUARD DOWN.
OUT OF ALL THEM, I PROBABLY TRUST HIM THE LEAST.

YEP.
YOU CAN REMOVE ANY SORT OF HANDCUFFS, RIGHT?
I'VE BEEN WON-DERING,

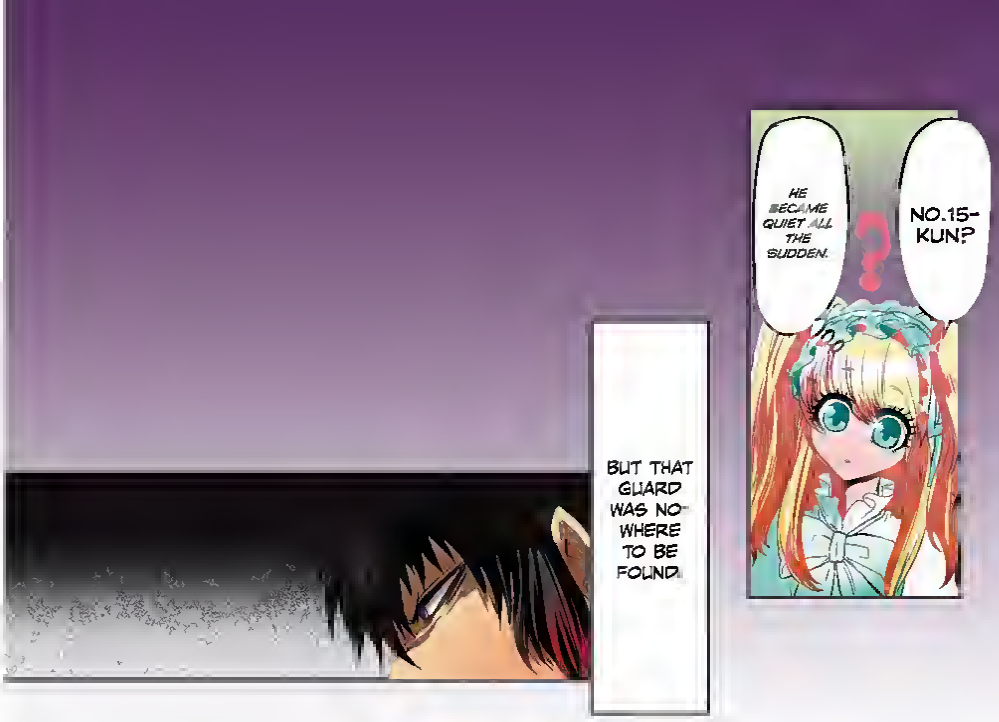
AREN'T THEY IN THE WAY?
THEN, HOW COME YOU DON'T REMOVE THE ONES ON YOUR NECK AND WRISTS?

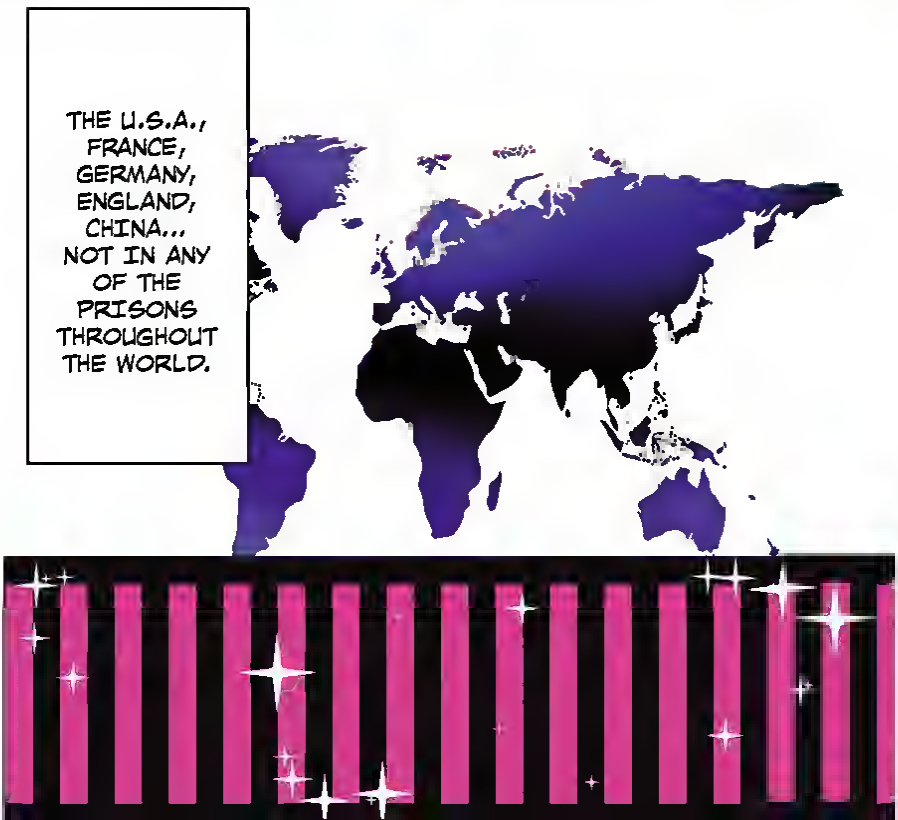
OH, *THESE*?

THESE,
I CAN NEVER REMOVE EVEN IF I WANT TO.
WOOW
I GUESS.
SO, THERE ARE THINGS EVEN YOU CAN'T REMOVE
THESE "BLACK SHACKLES" WERE PLACED ON ME AT ONE OF MY OLD PRISONS WHILE I WAS ASLEEP.
BUT NO ONE AT THAT PLACE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE CUFFS.

JUST A SHACKLE WITH NO CHAIN LINKS.
SOME STRANGER, FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, PUT THEM ON ME.
I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING, BUT TO NO AVAIL...
AND NO MATTER HOW MANY PRISON GUARDS OR RESEARCHERS ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THEM, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
NO ONE HAS A CLUE.
WHO IN THE WORLD PUT THEM ON ME?

I SAW THE "GUARD" WITH A SCAR ON HIS NECK.
THROUGH THE BLURRY HAZE.
BUT FOR A MOMENT, I SAW HIM.
BUT THESE SHACKLES ARE REAL.
IT COULD'VE BEEN A DREAM.


NO.15-KUN?
HE BECAME QUIET ALL THE SUDDEN.
BUT THAT GUARD WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

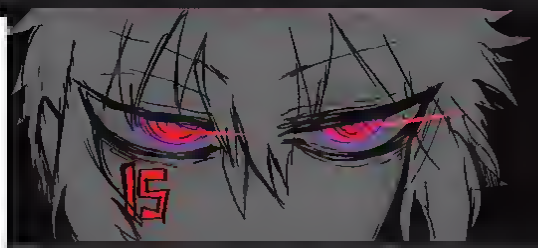

THE U.S.A., FRANCE, GERMANY, ENGLAND, CHINA... NOT IN ANY OF THE PRISONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

I'VE SEARCHED TIRELESSLY IN EVERY PRISON I'VE BEEN SENT TO.

I'VE LOOKED AND LOOKED AND KEPT ON LOOKING.

THESE DAMN BLACK SHACKLES,

WHICH SEEM TO CONSTRAIN MY VERY FREEDOM. ONLY HE CAN REMOVE THEM.



I'VE COME THIS FAR.

NEITHER OF US HAS ANYWHERE LEFT TO RUN

END OF "NANBAKA" VOLUME 1

INMATE NUMBER "25"

NIKO

ANIME JUNKIE

FAVORITE COLOR:

YELLOW AND LIME GREEN

TRADEMARK:

BANDAGES ON HIS RIGHT SIDE AND A BALL AND CHAIN

EYES:

CARMINE

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